## Writing Linear Equations in Slope Intercept Form

## SLOPE-INTERCEPT FORM



To write a linearequation in slope intercept form, you just need a slope and a y intercept. Remember, slope is $\frac{\text { change in } y}{\text { change in } x}$ and $y$ intercept is the starting value or what y is when $\mathrm{x}=0$

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\begin{aligned}
& y=m x+b \\
& \text { slope } \quad \text { y-intercept }
\end{aligned}
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The slope and $y$ intercept Slope $=\frac{1}{3} ; y$-intercept -5 Shce the equation is in slope intercept form, you just plug in the slope and $y$ intercept for $m$ and $b$.

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y=\frac{1}{3} x-5
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You need to find the slope and the $y$ intercept. The $y$ intercept is where the line crosses the $y$ axis. This line
A Graph


A Point and slope
(-1, 3) and Slope -3

Two Points
$(-4,-7)$ and $(8,-13)$ crosses at -1 . The slope is found by counting rise over run. The rise is 1 and the run is 2 . Since the line goes up and to the left, it is negative.
$y=-1 / 2 x-1$
Start with the equation $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{mx}+\mathrm{b}$. Plug in the slope for $m$ and the point given for $x$ and $y .3=-3(-1)+b$. Solve for $b$. Then plug in the $m$ and the $b$ and you have your equation. $y=-3 x+0$ or $y=-3 x$
This is similar to the one above. Before you do the steps listed above, you have to find the slope between the two points. I recommend putting them into a table. After you find the slope, plug in the slope and one of the points (either one) and solve for $b$. Write your final equation with $m$ and $b$.

